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METHOD AND APPARATUS

PROVIDING SECURE INITIALIZATION OF NETWORK DEVICES USING A CRYPTOGRAPHIC KEY DISTRIBUTION

APPROACH

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## **REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed November 14, 2005, the shortened statutory period for which runs until February 14, 2006, please reconsider the subject application in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

- Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.
- Remarks begin on page 14.
- A Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith.